

## Relocation Allowances

## § 302-3.300

### **§ 302-3.223 What happens if I violate my new service agreement under a tour renewal assignment?**

If you fail to complete your period of service under your new service agreement for reasons that are not acceptable to your agency, you must pay the Government:

(a) All transportation and per diem expenses that you received during your service agreement period for tour renewal travel of you and your immediate family;

(b) Transportation expenses for family members who traveled directly from your former post of duty to your current post of duty; and

(c) All transportation expenses for shipment of household goods from your former post to your current post of duty.

### **§ 302-3.224 If I violate my new service agreement, will the Government reimburse me for return travel and transportation to my actual place of residence?**

If you violate your new service agreement, the Government will reimburse you for return travel and transportation to your actual place of residence only if you did not receive all of your allowances under a previous service agreement in which you successfully completed your required period of service. The Government will then authorize you reimbursement cost for return travel and transportation expenses from your former post of duty to your actual place of residence. If there is any additional cost you must pay the difference.

#### **PRIOR RETURN OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS**

### **§ 302-3.225 If my immediate family member(s) return to the U.S. before me, will I be reimbursed for transporting part of my household goods with my family and the rest of my household goods when I return?**

Yes, if your family member(s) return to the U.S. before you, you will be reimbursed for transporting part of your household goods with your family and the rest of the household goods when you return as long as the combined weight of the two shipments does not

exceed your total authorized weight limit.

### **§ 302-3.226 Will the Government reimburse me if I am not eligible to return with my immediate family member(s) to the U.S. and choose to send them at my own expense?**

Yes, if you pay for the prior return of your eligible immediate family member(s), you will be reimbursed when you become eligible for return travel and transportation, you must provide your agency with all receipts and documentation to support your cost. Your agency will then reimburse your expenses, not to exceed your authorized allowance.

### **§ 302-3.227 If I become divorced from my spouse while OCONUS will I receive reimbursement to return my former spouse and dependents to the U.S.?**

Yes, if you become divorced from your spouse while OCONUS, you will receive reimbursement to return your former spouse and dependents to their place of actual residence within or outside CONUS.

### **§ 302-3.228 Is my dependent who turned 21 while overseas entitled to return travel to my place of actual residence at the expense of the Government?**

Your dependent who turned 21 while overseas is entitled to return travel to your place of actual residence at the expense of the Government only if your dependent traveled overseas as your dependent under your TA, but not beyond the end of your current agreed tour of duty.

## **Subpart D—Relocation Separation**

#### **OVERSEAS TO U.S. RETURN FOR SEPARATION**

### **§ 302-3.300 Must my agency pay for return relocation expenses for my immediate family and me once I have completed my duty OCONUS?**

Yes, once you have completed your duty OCONUS as specified in your service agreement, your agency must pay one-way transportation expenses for you, for your family member(s), and for your household goods.

## § 302-3.301

### **§ 302-3.301 May I transport my household goods to a location other than my actual place of residence when I separate from the Government?**

Yes, if you have successfully completed your service agreement, you may transport your household goods to a location other than your actual place of residence when you separate from the Government. However, the cost cannot exceed what it would cost to your actual place of residence. Any additional cost will be borne by you.

### **§ 302-3.302 May my agency pay for my immediate family member(s) and my household goods to be returned to the U.S. before I complete my service agreement?**

Yes, your agency may pay for your immediate family member(s) and your household goods to be returned to the U.S. before you complete your service agreement. However, your reason for not completing your service agreement must be determined by your agency as compassionate in nature or for circumstances beyond your control.

### **§ 302-3.303 May I claim reimbursement for the return of my immediate family member(s) or household goods more than once under one service agreement?**

No, you cannot claim reimbursement for the return of your immediate family member(s) or household goods more than once under one service agreement.

#### SES SEPARATION FOR RETIREMENT

### **§ 302-3.304 Who is entitled to SES separation relocation allowances?**

You are entitled to SES separation relocation allowances if you meet the conditions in § 302-3.307 and you are:

- (a) A career appointee to the SES as defined in 5 U.S.C. 3132(a)(4); or
- (b) A non-SES appointee who elects to retain SES retirement benefits and:
  - (1) Has a basic rate of pay at Level V of the Executive Schedule or higher; or
  - (2) Was previously a career appointee in the SES; or
  - (3) Elected under 5 U.S.C. 3392(c) to retain SES retirement benefits; or
- (c) A Medical Center Director who:
  - (1) Served as a director of a Department of Veterans Affairs medical cen-

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ter under 38 U.S.C. 4103(a)(8) as in effect on November 17, 1988; or

(2) Separated from Government service on or after October 2, 1992; or

(3) Is not covered in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this section; or

(d) An immediate family member of an SES employee who died:

(1) In Government service on or after January 1, 1994; or

(2) After separating from Government service but before travel and/or transportation authorized under this subpart were completed.

### **§ 302-3.305 Who is not eligible for SES separation relocation expense allowances?**

You are not eligible for SES separation relocation expense allowances if:

(a) You are a career appointee to an SES position, and your appointment is a limited term, limited emergency, or a noncareer appointment. (See 5 U.S.C. 3132(a)(5) through (7)); or

(b) You are an appointee to the Government but do not meet the criteria status within § 302-3.304.

### **§ 302-3.306 If I meet the conditions in § 302-3.307, what expenses am I allowed under separation for retirement travel?**

If you meet the conditions in § 302-3.307, see item 7 of Tables A and C in § 302.3.101.

### **§ 302-3.307 Under what conditions may I receive separation relocation travel for my family and me?**

You may receive separation relocation travel for you and your family if:

(a) You are a career appointee as defined in 5 U.S.C. 3132(a)(4), and you were transferred or reassigned geographically in the interest of and at the expense of the Government from one official station to another for permanent duty from:

(1) An SES career appointment to another SES career appointment; or

(2) An SES career appointment to an appointment outside the SES at a rate of pay equal to or higher than Level V of the Executive Schedule, and the employee elects to retain SES retirement benefits under 5 U.S.C. 3392; or

(3) A non-SES career appointment at the time of your transfer or assignment, which includes an appointment